

## Ron Ternoway ...from my square corner

The University of Alberta Golden Bears are one win away from clinching their first Western Canada Intercollegiate Football League title since 1967.

It's been a long, frustrating time coming, but for the first time in four years, it is the Bears and not the Bisons who hold the hammer as the schedule moves into the annual back-to-back series between the perennial contenders.

Bears, by virtue of their come-from-behind 18-17 win over the Saskatoon Huskies, improved their record to 5-1 while the Bisons slipped to 3-2 with an astonishing 8-5 loss to the UBC Thunderbirds, who hadn't won in six starts prior to Saturday's contest against the defending Canadian College Bowl champs.

What it boils down to is that the Bears can all but clinch the title with a win against the Bisons at Varsity Stadium on Saturday.

And the way the Bears have been playing lately, they've got a very good chance at doing just that.

In their first three league encounters, the Bears were runaway winners, but in their subsequent three games, they've had to prove that they can come from behind and never give up.

And they have shown exactly that. In their first game against Saskatchewan, they were down 18-14 with ten minutes to go and won that. In Calgary, they were losing 23-5 with less than 15 minutes left and came within an eyelash of pulling that one out, losing 23-19. And Saturday they were starting at a 17-18 deficit with less than three minutes remaining, but came on with a last-play field goal for the victory. It's quite a battling team.

Paradoxically, the Bears have looked bad and good lately, and it's consistency that will be needed if they are to turn the trick and defeat Manitoba. Sometimes the defence is extremely sloppy, as they were in the first half Saturday, and sometimes they are extremely sharp as in the second half. The passing attack has been hot and cold, but there is one aspect that is no longer suspect—the play of the offensive line. Not large in any sense of the word, they're doing an excellent job on pass blocking and opening big holes up the middle.

On several occasions Saturday the hole they made for fullback Bob McGregor was large enough to drive an ETS bus through, although I don't know why anyone should want to do so. Both quarterbacks, Joe Petrone and Don Tallas, who by the way played almost the whole game, were lavish in their praise for the line. (Centre) Jim Lazaruk, Alex Stosky and the guys did a hell of a job", said Tallas.

The offensive line are really the unsung heroes of any football team. You don't hear their names often, because they don't make many tackles and they don't catch many passes.

They're a part of the game that few fans notice, but it's their play that makes or breaks an offence.

Line Coaches Clyde Smith and Don Barry have done an excellent job, and their handiwork is really starting to pay off.

So instead of watching the quarterback and the running backs all the time on Saturday, just look at the line and watch Lazaruk, Stosky, Jim Drummond, Bob Pugh, Ken Ewing and Doug Thompson do their stuff.

It is beautiful to watch.

Yardsticks	Alberta	Sask.
First downs	16	11
Yards rushing	221	268
Yards passing	5	20
Total offense	226	288
Passes/completions	7/1	3/1
Punts/average	5/31	9/37
Fumbles/lost	3/1	4/1
Penalties/yards	5/55	9/89

# Bears win sub-Arctic Bowl

by Walter Neilson

## Bears 18, U of S 17

SASKATOON—When the University of Alberta Golden Bears come here to play football they usually get two things: good football and rotten weather.

Saturday was no exception as they invaded Griffiths Stadium to tangle with the Saskatchewan Huskies. Playing under sub-Arctic conditions, the Bears had their toughest game of the season and needed a field goal by Joe Petrone on the last play of the game to escape with an 18-17 victory.

The weather must have affected the Bears, because they looked as if they were frozen for the first 25 minutes of the game. The Huskies were controlling the ball with a ground attack that was moving the yardsticks consistently.

With only four minutes gone in the game, Huskie quarterback Kirk Houston caught the Bear defence overshifting and ran straight up the middle for a 20-yard touchdown romp. The convert was good, and the Huskies were ahead 7-0.

Halfway through the second quarter running back Larry Remmen punched the ball over from the one yard line and the Huskies held a commanding 14-0 lead. As in Calgary last week, the Bears were hurt by sloppy tackling that allowed the Huskies to turn short yardage plays into long gainers.

The Bears managed to get untracked before half time, though, as fullback Bob McGregor capped a 70-yard drive by carrying over from the one. Petrone made the convert, leaving the score 14-7 at the half.

The third quarter looked as though nothing had changed. The Huskies drove deep into Bruin territory before stalling, and kicked a field goal to go ahead 17-7. Bears managed to score a single point on a wide field goal attempt, but could not seem to move in close against the aggressive Huskie defence. There was no more scoring until late in the final quarter, which set the stage for the dramatic finish.

With less than five minutes left the Bear offence was stopped on the Saskatoon four yard line, and chances of victory looked slim indeed for coach's Albertans.

But the defence stopped the Huskies, and the Bears had the ball back at midfield. With the aid of a roughing penalty the Bears moved in to score with McGregor again getting the touchdown. Petrone converted, and with 2:40 remaining in the game, it was 17-15 Huskies.

With time running out, the Bears forced the Huskies to punt after taking the kickoff. Four running plays later, the ball was at the Huskie 18, and with no time showing on the clock, Petrone split the uprights to snatch the victory away from the Huskies.

The adverse weather conditions hampered the passing of both quarterbacks, Houston and Tallas, each completing only one pass. Fullback Bob McGregor played an outstanding game for the Albertans, as he took up the

slack by carrying 26 times for 131 yards. Saskatchewan's big ground gainer was Archie Thompson with 116 yards in 15 carries.

The Bruin coaching staff was pleased not only with the victory but also by the never-give-up attitude the players showed in getting the win. "I've seen a lot of

individual athletes just like this team," said trainer Ray Kelly. "They need a couple of hard shots to get them motivated, and

then they never let up until they win."

Should the Bears be able to preserve that attitude on Saturday, they could wrap up the league title with a win over the University of Manitoba Bisons, who were dumped 8-5 by the UBC Thunderbirds in the upset of the season.

In other hoofball action, Bob Wanzel's junior Bears edged Brandon Bobcats 15-13 to maintain their unbeaten string.

## Clare's problems

by Stu Layfield

The noteworthy aspects of the Golden Bears preseason hockey camp continues to be the lack of ice at Varsity Arena, the large numbers of prospects still in camp, and the fine showing of a number of talented rookies.

The problems at Varsity Arena stem from a decision to use a new type of coolant in the icemaking process, which necessitated a changeover in compressors and other mechanical alterations. The University originally awarded the contract for the job on a performance guarantee which called for all the work to be completed by a specific date. However this condition was invalidated when it was discovered that the University administration failed to include the ability to order the required new parts in the contract. A delay resulted and because the parts are manufactured in Eastern Canada according to job specifications, a further holdup came in obtaining these parts from the East. At present workmen are putting in overtime to complete the job and Golden Bear hockey coach Clare Drake has been assured that the ice will go in sometime this week.

In the meantime, the future of the annual Green and Gold intrasquad game originally scheduled for Wednesday night at the Arena is in doubt. The ice definitely will not be ready by that time and coach Drake has been unsuccessful up to press time in renting ice at another rink. All ice sheets are in full use these days with minor hockey practices and exhibition games; ice must be booked days in advance.

Coach Drake has been running stiff practicesessions at the Edmonton Gardens for the past week, but the amount of ice time at his disposal is still highly limited; This has of course, hindered progress considerably, particularly in the area of reducing the number of players still in the running— or is it skating— for positions. A check of the roster reveals that over 60 players remain in camp.

"It's causing problems", states the Golden Bear mentor, "because one of the most important considerations in coaching is the evaluation and selection of players. I'm slow in this respect; I like to be extra careful at this stage. I think this is where a lot of coaches go wrong."

Coach Drake has a good point. Both amateur and professional sports are full of instances where an individual is given little chance with one team or organization, only to succeed, often prominently, with another one that has given the athlete better opportunity to develop and display his talents. Drake does not want to miss a good prospect simply by not giving all candidates a chance to show their best. This is usually not so much of a problem because the Bears have all the practice time they need at Varsity Arena, but with the limited ice time at their disposal at the Gardens, the weeding-out process continues slowly.

Despite the various problems accompanying this year's camp, Coach Drake can find considerable reason for optimism. With over a dozen returnees attending practices, he has a strong nucleus around which to build a powerful team. And the showing of a number of talented and often highly experienced rookies to date has impressed him most favourably.

In scimmage sessions Drake has been playing lines composed of rookies against all veteran forward units, and in the words of the coach, "Some of the rookie lines have been more than holding their own."

Drake has singled out goalies Barry Richardson, and Jim Coombes as well as forwards Dwayne Bolkwoy, Billy Moores, Dave White, Jim Carr, Jerry LeGrandeur, Steve McKnight, and Ron Aldrich for special mention as rookies who have shown well so far. Moores, of course, needs little introduction to local hockey fans; a former, Edmonton Oil King and team captain, he played last season with the Edmonton Monarchs seniors. Goalie Richardson is also a former M Monarch, while fellow netminder Coombs, a product of Edmonton minor hockey ranks, has played for the Johnstown Jets of the Eastern Hockey league of late. White comes to the Bears from Medicine Hat Tigers of the Western Canada Junior league. Bolkwoy, Carr, and LeGrandeur are all veterans of Alberta Junior Hockey league play: Bolkwoy skated last year for the Canadian Tier Two Junior "A" Champion Red Deer Rustlers, Carr performed for the Edmonton Maple Leafs; and LeGrandeur is a former Lethbridge Sugar King Star. McKnight hails from the Stettler Juveniles and Aldrich a relative unknown skated in local Juvenile "BB" ranks last winter.